



# Pre-Visit Lesson

## Who Lives at Devils Tower?

### Animal Tracking

### Grades K-3

#### Objective:

Students will be able to list at least five common animals that live in Devils Tower National Monument.

#### Materials:

- *Devils Tower America's First National Monument* - DVD (47 minute park film)  
This DVD can be sent on loan to the teacher upon request prior to the class visit.
- Park Species Lists - <http://www.nps.gov/deto/naturescience/animals.htm>
- Paper and Pencils or Classroom Whiteboard

1. Tell the class that a Park Ranger from Devils Tower National Monument will be visiting the classroom this week. Describe where Devils Tower National Monument is. Show a map or tell the students how long it would take to drive to Devils Tower.

2. Explain that Devils Tower National Monument is a special place. One reason Devils Tower is special is because it protects homes for animals. Many different animals live in Devils Tower National Monument. Has anyone ever been to Devils Tower National Monument? What does it look like? Devils Tower has many habitat types.

3. Watch *Devils Tower America's First National Monument*. Have students list all the animals they see as the film plays. Or, have students recall as many animals as they can after the film. Teacher lists all animals on the board.

### The following common prairie animals appear in *Devils Tower America's First National Monument*

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#### Mammals

Skunk	Porcupine	Bobcat	Fox	Squirrel	Mice	Coyotes	White Tail Deer	Mule
Deer	Mountain Lion	Prairie Dog	Badgers	Cottontail Rabbits	Least Chipmunk			

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**Reptiles & Amphibians**

Rattle Snakes    Bull Snakes    Other Snakes    Frogs

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**Birds**

Meadowlarks    Bald Eagle    Golden Eagle    Black-capped Chickadee    Great Horned Owl  
 Turkey    Mountain Blue Bird    Hawks    Turkey Vultures    Rock Doves (Pigeons)    Heron  
 Cliff Swallows    Osprey

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Bears (gone from the area)

Cattle, Horses, & Dogs, (domestic, sometimes found in the monument)

Assorted Insects

4. Many animals live in Devils Tower National Monument! Devils Tower protects habitat (homes) for animals. The park ranger that visits the classroom will discuss what we can learn from animal tracks (footprints) and other animal signs.

**Other Resources:**

These resources are available through Devils Tower National History Association (DTNHA), a not-for profit organization established to support education and research efforts at Devils Tower National Monument.

[DTNHA](#)

<i>Who Pooped in the Black Hills?</i>	ISBN#: 1-56037-387-3 978-1-56037-387-2
<i>Critters of Wyoming</i>	ISBN#: 978-1-885061-38-6 1-885061-38-2
<i>Animal Tracks</i>	ISBN# 13 978-1-58355-072-4
<i>Wildlife at Devils Tower National Monument</i>	ISBN# 13 978-1-58355-667-2
<i>Devils Tower National Monument Checklist</i>	DETO Natural Resources
<i>Devils Tower, America's First National Monument</i>	DTNHA DVD
<i>National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States</i>	
<i>USGS Bird Checklists for Devils Tower</i>	<a href="http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/birds/chekbird/r6/devil.htm">http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/birds/chekbird/r6/devil.htm</a>

Teachers participating in a ranger-led Devils Tower National Monument Education Outreach Program receive a 15% discount on purchases from DTNHA. Discount is valid from the time a program is scheduled to one month after the program. Please provide name, school, and discount code **Education Discount** when you place your order at <http://www.devilstowernha.org>.